are determined by various factors which *inter-alia* include availability of infrastructure, manpower, domestic market and fiscal and other incentives provided by various State Governments. FIPB guidelines do not determine the location of the project involving FDI.

(d) The main sectors in which foreign investment have been made are Transportation Industry, Electrical Equipments, Fuels, Chemicals (other than Fertilizers), etc.

(e) To attract foreign investment in large measures, State Governments are required to develop their own degree of industrial and financial infrastructure, increase the potential size of their market and also to increase the skilled human and natural resources of the state beside providing the fiscal and other incentives.

(f) Data on employment generation with specific linkage to FDI is not centrally maintained.

IRDA permission to FIIs for Investment in Insurance sector

1790. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA) has decided to allow Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) to invest in Insurance joint venture without hitting the 26 per cent ceiling on direct foreign investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether it is a fact that this decision is against the initial policy of restricting the foreign equity to 26 per cent; and

(d) If so, the reasons for diluting the accepted policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in Economic Offences

†1791. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item captioned, "Arthic

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.